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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mitch:

Enclosed is a letter from Congressman Giaimo which is self explanatory.

Please be good enough to get this data for the Congrressman.

Sincerely,

Searle

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September 19, 1975

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Mr. Searle Field
Staff Director
House Select Committee
on Intelligence
2418 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Searle:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just received from my constituent, Assistant Professor Paul L. Fletcher, Jr., Section of Cell Biology, School of Medicine, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut 06510, which I believe you will find self-explanatory.

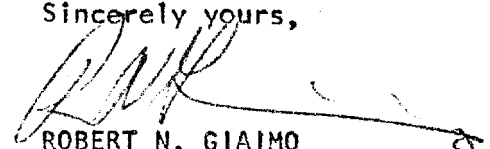
You will note that Professor Fletcher is extremely interested in obtaining a portion of the cobra and shellfish venom, which is currently part of the Central Intelligence Agency stockpile, for further cellular research in which the Yale School of Medicine is involved. I have been advised that Professor Fletcher and several of his colleagues had been making arrangements, prior to learning of the existence of the CIA stockpile, whereby they would be able to procure such venom from foreign sources at an extremely high price. I was also informed that Professor George Parlade, a Nobel Prize winner for medicine, is also involved in this project.

Please take up this matter with CIA Director William E. Colby and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities and report back to me.

Thank you for your early attention to this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT N. GIAIMO
Member of Congress

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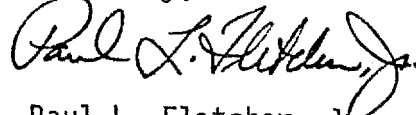
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The Honorable Robert N. Giomo
Room 2265 - Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Giomo:

Recent publicity has made us aware of the existence of some venom from cobra and shellfish held by the C.I.A. These substances are valuable for research purposes in our study of membrane functions. The cobra venom contains powerful phospholipases that could greatly aid our isolation and characterization of membrane proteins and their function. The shellfish toxin could also be valuable in our studies of its effects at the cellular level as well as the isolation and characterization of the proteins that make up the toxin itself. These substances should not be destroyed because of their potential to greatly aid our medical research efforts. I would be glad to discuss with you any means to prevent their destruction.

Sincerely,



Paul L. Fletcher, Jr.
Assistant Professor

cc: Dean Robert Berliner
Yale School of Medicine

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